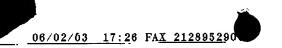
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Madam:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 14, 2002 and follows a Request for Continued Examination on March 14, 2003 and an interview with the Examiner conducted May 20, 2003 at the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

IN THE DRAWINGS

In response to the examiner's objections to the drawings as failing to comply with 37CFR 1.84(p)(5), applicants enclose herewith a red-lined version of the original drawings, as well as corrected drawings indicating the changes requested, and applicants request that the examiner approve the corrected drawings.

<u>IN THE SPECIFICATION</u>

Please delete the text of the Abstract at page 37, lines 9-11 which reads "The management component is not hard wired in its functionality, but may adapt to changing circumstances in these policies"

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